

## NEW GRAFT DISCLOSURES BY WALSH ON WITNESS STAND

Clark examined him. Attorney Wellman asked that other witnesses be excluded from the court and Justice Seabury so ordered.

Walsh looked curiously at the men he was to try to send to jail, but the four former inspectors avoided his glance. Walsh gave his name and said he had been a captain seven years, in so low a voice that he had to be admonished to raise it, and the prisoners began to watch him closely. His examination continued:

Q. Did you know a patrolman named Eugene F. Fox? A. Yes.

Q. Did you have any dealings out of the ordinary with him? A. I did.

Q. And what were those? A. He went to several places and collected money.

Q. When did that begin? A. Some time in 1911.

Q. How many places were there? A. I don't recall just now. The amount averaged about \$500 a month to be divided between the inspectors and myself.

Q. What did you do with this money? A. I kept half for myself and gave half to the inspectors, taking out Fox's share.

Q. Was there a list of these places? A. There was. Fox would strike off the places that had paid and give me the money.

Q. Who were the inspectors with whom you dealt since 1907? A. Inspectors Thompson, Murtha, Hussey and Sweeney.

Q. From what cities of places were collections made? A. Before 1910 from liquor dealers. Then from a disorderly house as well.

Q. Were there any hotels? A. Yes, the Baltic. That's what I mean by the disorderly house.

Q. During the period from 1908 to 1911 how much of these four defendants' income in the fifth inspection division? A. From the 27th of July, 1907, to Dec. 31, 1911.

Q. Do you know this hotel? A. Yes.

Q. Did you inspect it? A. Yes.

Q. Did you know who the proprietor was in 1908 and 1909? A. Yes.

Q. Who was it? A. George A. Sipp.

Q. Did you know the proprietor? A. I knew who he was. The change came in October, 1910.

Q. Did the payments continue after the change of ownership? A. Yes.

Q. How much was the collection from this place in 1908-10 and 1911? A. Sweeney made the collection from 1908 to 1910. I made the collection from 1911 to 1912. The sum was \$1000 a month.

Q. Of that \$1000, how much was paid to Fox? A. \$250.

Q. And how much did you pay to the inspectors? A. \$750.

Q. SWEENEY'S MEN "MADE A CASE" AGAINST THE BALTIC.

Q. Were charges made against disorderly proprietors in your district under your jurisdiction? A. They were for a long while, but afterward were turned over by me in 1912 to the inspector. I had no plain clothes then.

Q. Were complaints received against the Baltic? A. They were.

Q. Do you know whether prosecutions were begun? A. I believe Inspector Sweeney's men made an arrest then. There had been some before that.

Q. Walsh said he saw four inspectors at Police Headquarters on Dec. 13 last. There was an inquiry into George A. Sipp's statement before the Aldermanic committee, said Walsh.

Q. Did you see Commissioner Walsh? A. Yes.

Q. Was anything said in regard to Sipp? (There were objections from Messrs. Stanfield and Wellman. Finally Walsh was allowed to answer.) A. Yes.

Q. What was said? A. The Commissioner accused me of going on the same steamer to the South with Sipp, but I told him I was not with Sipp and dismissed his mind that I had associated with Sipp.

Q. When else did you see then that day? A. I saw Fox and Mrs. Sipp.

Q. When you saw Fox before Mr. Sweeney again? A. Yes, about 10 o'clock.

Q. Did you see a lawyer then? A. Yes. I saw Jacob House in the morning.

Q. What was said? A. House walked over to me and said, "Inspector Sweeney told me to tell you to tell Fox to say nothing."

Q. Did you subsequently see Fox? A. Yes, the next day.

FOX TOLD WALSH SWEENEY GOT HIS COUNSEL.

Q. Did you talk about Fox's attorney? A. Oh, yes.

Q. What was it? A. I asked him who his lawyer was, and he said he was inclined to take House. I said: "Have you made arrangements?" He said: "It's all right." I said: "You ought to find out who is doing this and how much it will cost and how much you'll have to pay." He said he would and the next day he told me it was Inspector Sweeney. I sent for Sweeney that night and he said he'd disavow Fox's mind of that.

Q. Walsh said Sweeney came to see him two or three times a week up to the time he confessed to Mr. Whitman.

Q. Before Fox was arrested did you talk with Sweeney? A. Yes.

Q. What was said? A. We talked of the case.

Q. When did you see Sweeney after Fox's arrest? A. On Christmas Day.

Q. Fox was arrested Dec. 21.

Q. What was said? A. It was in effect that we should try and get a bondsman for Fox, and Sweeney said he'd do all he could and I said I'd do likewise.

Q. Did you do anything that same day? A. I sent a man to Tom Lloyd and asked him to see what he could do about bail.

FOX THOUGHT \$2,000 WOULD "GET RID OF SIPP."

Q. Was Fox released that day? A. Yes.

Q. Did you have a conversation with Fox next day? A. Yes.

Q. Do you remember it? A. On Dec. 28 Fox came to me and said we could get rid of Sipp if we could get a little money together. I asked how much they wanted. He said \$2,000, and I said I couldn't get that. He said it was the only way to keep Sipp quiet and he thought it would be to the advantage of all of us. I told him to come back the next day and I would see what I could do. I saw Sweeney that night and told him what Fox had said and he said he would see what he could do. I saw Fox the next morning and asked him if he had heard anything more. He said the lawyers were pestering him, hollering "Murder watch," and we would have to get the money pretty soon or it would be too late.

I saw Sweeney on Friday night and asked him what he was doing. He said he was trying his best to raise the money and I said I was working hard, and if all the rest of them would do as well it would be all right.

"WE'LL RAISE IT," HE SWEARS SWEENEY SAID.

Q. Did you see Sweeney on Saturday? A. I met him at his house and I said: "Have you got that money?" He said: "Yes, I have." I said: "That's all right. You tell Fox to keep his hands off. We'll raise the money, and the amount will be \$2,000 instead of \$2,500."

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message from Dougherty, and then the inspectors found their way to the Mayor's office.

Q. You remember when Fox was arrested on Jan. 16, the second time? Did you have any conversation with Sweeney after that? A. Yes. I saw him Jan. 17 about half for Fox. He said Fox would be taken care of. The next morning I got \$500 and gave it to Billy Moore to give to Tom Lloyd to get about a bail bond. Then Sweeney came and said everything would be all right. I asked when would Fox get out and he said "probably Monday." I said, "That'll be too late. There'll be some loud yelling before that time. We've got to get him out now." Sweeney said he'd try to do it and that afternoon I got my \$500 bill back and learned that Fox was out.

Q. Walsh resumed his testimony after recess by saying he had seen Fox twice after the patrolman's release on bail. Mr. Clark asked him to resume his examination.

Q. What was the conversation? A. I said I was more worried at this time than at any other and he said: "Well, I'm wondering what's to become of my family? Where do I get off?" I told him he ought to see his lawyer and arrange to have a fund of \$10,000 raised to take care of the family. He said he'd got him. "I'll take care of my and of it," he said, "and you ought to see that the others do."

Q. Did you have any later conversation? A. I asked him about the \$10,000 fund and he said House was going to take the matter up and the different inspectors, mentioning these four inspectors, were going to take it up. They were going to get \$10,000 from Sweeney, on \$10,000.

Q. Did you see Sweeney? A. Yes. I told him it was only fair that Fox should be taken care of if he was convicted. I told him it was the only way to save ourselves and we agreed to raise \$10,000. He told me he could raise \$2,000, and the whole amount would be \$10,000. This was afterward changed to \$10,000.

Q. Was anything said about how the money was to be raised? A. He said it was to be raised by the four inspectors and myself.

Q. Did you pay anything in accord with this arrangement? A. Yes; I paid \$500.

Q. To whom? A. To Sweeney.

Q. When did you do it? A. On the night of the Friday before Fox pleaded guilty.

SAYS MRS. WALSH HANDED \$100 OF BUN TO SWEENEY.

Q. Did you have any talk with Sweeney? A. Yes. Sweeney wanted \$500. I had only \$500 in the house and my wife was at church. She came back about 9 o'clock, and I said: "Well, the inspector wants another \$100." He was sitting at the foot of my bed and as she handed him the \$100 and left the room, he said: "That's the worst of having these damned women about. I said: 'That's only my wife, inspector, and you have no reason to be afraid of her.'"

Q. Did you see Sweeney after the following Monday, when Fox pleaded guilty? A. Yes, on the same night. He came over and put his hand on my forehead and said: "Keep a stiff upper lip, old man. You will be all right."

Q. Walsh didn't see Sweeney again before sending for District Attorney Whitman, who visited him at his home on the following Wednesday.

Q. I wanted to get the matter off my mind, said Walsh. "I was very ill."

Mr. Clark reverted at this point to Walsh's earlier testimony as to his career as a Captain in the East One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street station. Walsh recited the names in the chronological order of their service in Harlem of Thompson, Hussey, Murtha and Sweeney as the inspectors under whom he served.

In answer to further questions Walsh said:

"While Thompson, Hussey and Murtha were in charge they received 40 per cent, and Fox, Sweeney and myself received 10 per cent. Fox got 10 per cent, and the rest was divided between us."

Walsh raised a laugh when he said he hadn't understood that Sweeney had been collecting independently in his district, but added: "I understand since."

Justice Seabury stopped him, and Mr. Clark turned him over to Mr. Wellman for cross-examination. He had been on the stand exactly two hours.

BEGAN TO COLLECT AS SOON AS HE GOT PRECINCT.

Mr. Wellman's first question brought out that Walsh had been three times before the Grand Jury. The cross-examination continued.

Q. How long had you been a Captain when you went to East One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street? A. About two months.

Q. And you began to collect right away? A. I guess that's right.

Q. You found Eugene Fox an honest policeman? A. As far as I know.

Q. And you sent him out as your collector? A. Yes, sir, I did.

Q. And how long did you keep this one-time honest young policeman collecting for you? A. About five years; perhaps a little more.

Q. And did you offer some of your collections to these various inspectors? A. They were informed of what I was doing and told me to continue.

Mr. Wellman asked Walsh with having testified falsely at the investigation at Police Headquarters on Dec. 18.

Q. Deputy Commissioner Dougherty asked you if you ever paid money to any one but Fox, and did you say "No"? A. I don't remember the question.

Q. It's the stenographer's record. If you said it, it's not true? A. No, sir. If I said it, then it was not true.

Q. I call your attention to one more. You 'never' and 'never' said to suspect any other member of the force, and did you reply: 'I certainly had not'?

A. If I said that, then I told an untruth.

"And didn't you tell the truth?" shouted Mr. Wellman, pointing an accusing finger at Walsh. "Wasn't you telling the truth then, and not now?"

Walsh quivered, but declared he was now testifying truly.

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